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ENVIRONMENT IN THE NORTH AREAS

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER SOONEST TO A.V. KARAGIN, DIRECTOR, LENINGRAD ZONAL RESEARCH AND DESIGN INSTITUTE (LENZNIIEP) OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE, WITH A COPY TO ANATOLY ROMAS OF GOSGRAZHDANSTROY AND ONE TO YURI KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:

2. "DEAR MR. KARAGIN, I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS PROJECT LEADER FOR THE PROJECT ON ENHANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE NORTH AREAS UNDER THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. IT WAS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR THAT THE US AND THE USSR WOULD EXCHANGE
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TEAM VISITS TO SITES IN EACH COUNTRY DURING 1975. UNFOR-

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TUNATELY, BECAUSE OF SEVERAL PROBLEMS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESPOND TO THE PROGRAM YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN GOSGRAZHDANSTROY SUGGESTED TO US LAST SPRING. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED OUR PREPARATIONS AND HAVE A TEAM OF US SPECIALISTS READY TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION.
UNFORTUNATELY, SEVERAL PRESSING PROBLEMS HAVE COME UP HERE RECENTLY AND I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP, BUT I HAVE DESIGNATED JAMES MCCULLOUGH, DIRECTOR, ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF UNDERWRITING STANDARDS, TO LEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION IN MY PLACE. MR. MCCULLOUGH HAS MEET WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS AT ECE CONFERENCES, INCLUDING YURI RODIN. WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL OF A TWO-WEEK PROGRAM IN THE USSR WITH VISITS TO MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, MURMANSK, YAKUTSK AND BRATSK. OUR DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF FROM 5 TO 8 PERSONS, AND I PROPOSE THAT THE VISIT TAKE PLACE FROM 6 SEPTEMBER TO 20 SEPTEMBER. IN ACCORD WITH THE FINANCE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT, THE VISIT WILL BE ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS.

IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE CORRESPONDENCE, MAY I REQUEST THAT YOU REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THIS PROPOSAL THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN LENINGRAD OR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. WHEN WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE SUGGESTED DATES, I WILL SEND YOU THE NAMES OF OUR DELEGATION MEMBERS AND THE FLIGHT ITINERARY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING YOUR ACQUAINTANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND ANTICIPATE A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAM AS WE BEGIN WORK ON THIS NEW PROJECT. SINCERELY, GEORGE O. HIPPS, JR., ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF UNDERWRITING STANDARDS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT." INGERSOLL

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